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### 200th CITY SIGNS FOR RAT CAMPAIGN

Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug today announced that Pittsfield, Mass., was the two hundredth U. S. City of more than 10,000 population to report the start of an all-out drive to "Feed People - Not Rats."

Included in the 200 are the 32 key demonstration cities showing modern methods of rat control to other communities in their states and adjacent areas. All cities of more than 10,000 population have been urged to cooperate in the National Urban Rat Control Campaign by Secretary Krug and Hamilton M. Warren, chairman of the National Committee for Rat Control and vice president of the National Carbon Company of New York.

"We are encouraged with the way that cities all over the country, large and small, have immediately joined in this important food conservation campaign," said Mr. Warren. "The more cities we can coordinate in a united campaign, the more rats we can kill and fewer rats will have an opportunity to migrate to safe havens in cities failing to join. Then the Nation can save a larger share of the two billion dollars that rats cost us each year."

Each active city now has appointed either a chairman of a citizen's committee or named a public official to lead and direct the local program, according to reports received by the National Committee. Many cities have already enlisted the aid of their Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, Women's Clubs, key industries, newspapers, radio stations and other civic improvement minded organizations in their local drive to rid the city of rats.

A listing of the 200 cities by states is attached, the area demonstration cities are indicated by an asterisk:

### CITIES COOPERATING IN NATIONAL URBAN RAT CONTROL CAMPAIGN

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ALABAMA: Gadsden, Anniston, Bessemer, Birmingham, Decatur, Dothan, Fairfield, Florence, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, Selma, Tuscaloosa.

ARKANSAS: Fort Smith, Jonesboro, El Dorado.

ARIZONA: Tucson.

CALIFORNIA: Anaheim, Long Beach, Santa Cruz, Vallejo, Oakland.

COLORADO: \*Denver, Boulder.

CONNECTICUT: \*Hartford, Waterbury, Norwalk, Norwich.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: \*Washington, D. C. (National Demonstration City)

FLORIDA: \*Jacksonville, Clearwater, St. Petersburg.

GEORGIA: Columbus, Waycross, Atlanta, Augusta.

IDAHO: Pocatello.

ILLINOIS: \*Decatur, Evanston, Pekin, Quincy, Downers Grove, Harrisburg.

INDIANA: Evansville.

IOWA: Keokuk, Mason City, Des Moines, Waterloo, Muscatine.

KANSAS: Leavensworth, Atchison, Fort Scott.

KENTUCKY: \*Middlesboro, Hopkinsville, Newport.

LOUISIANA: New Orleans, \*Shreveport, Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Bogalusa, Gretna, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe, New Iberia, Opelousas.

MAINE: \*Portland, Bath, Waterville, Lewiston.

MARYLAND: \*Baltimore, Frederick.

MASSACHUSETTS: Chicopee, Newburyport, Salem, \*Westfield, Haverhill, Newton, Pittsfield.

MICHIGAN: Monroe, Ypsilanti, Wyandotte, \*Battle Creek, River Rouge.

MINNESOTA: \*Bemidji, \*Minneapolis, Rochester, Brainerd, St. Cloud.

MISSISSIPPI: \*Jackson, Brookhaven, Vicksburg, Columbus, Hattiesburg, McComb, Tupelo.

MISSOURI: Webster Groves, Van Buren, Kennett, St. Joseph, St. Louis.

MONTANA: Helena, Missoula.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Portsmouth, Rochester, Laconia.

NEW JERSEY: Camden, Hoboken, Lodi, Newark, \*Passaic, Phillipsburg, South Orange, Trenton, Nutley.

NEW MEXICO: Santa Fe.

NEW YORK: Albany, Cortland, Glen Falls, Kingston, Mamroneck, New York City, \*Rochester, Jamestown, Niagara Falls, \*Schenectady, Port Chester.

NORTH CAROLINA: Charlotte, \*Raleigh, Kingston.

NORTH DAKOTA: \*Bismarck, Grand Forks, Minot.

OHIO: \*Akron, \*Ashland, \*Cincinnati, \*Cleveland, \*Toledo, Columbus, Youngstown, Portsmouth, Lakewood, Canton, Garfield Heights, Lancaster.

OKLAHOMA: Enid.

OREGON: \*Astoria, Eugene, Medford.

PENNSYLVANIA: \*Erie, \*Wilkes-Barre, Pittsburgh, Uniontown, Philadelphia, Johnstown.

RHODE ISLAND: \*Providence, Cranston, Newport, Westerly, Warwick, Pawtucket, Bristol.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Charleston.

SOUTH DAKOTA: Watertown, Aberdeen.

TENNESSEE: Memphis, Clarksville.

TEXAS: \*Corpus Christi, Alice, Austin, Laredo, Port Arthur, Corsicana, San Antonio, Galveston, Waxahachie.

UTAH: \*Logan, Ogden, Salt Lake City, Provo.

VERMONT: Burlington.

VIRGINIA: Suffolk, Winchester, Petersburg, Arlington County, Roanoke.

WASHINGTON: \*Bellingham, \*Yakima, Everett, Hoquiam, Seattle.

WEST VIRGINIA: Wheeling, Huntington.

WISCONSIN: Wauwatosa, La Crosse, Marinette, Manitowoc, West Allis.

WYOMING: Cheyenne.